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LR 32
LB 20, 30, 34, 36, 37,
81, 82, 83, 87, 104,
199, 149, 195, 367,
401, 413

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Higgins.

SENATOR HIGGINS: Mr. President, I agree with Senator Von Minden. I think the rich should support the parks and I think we all know how much money it takes to own four or five vehicles. I would like to point out that Senator Mahoney or now Director Mahoney raised millions of dollars by getting the rich to donate to state owned parks and that is quite an accomplishment. I don't know how much money any of those who are opposed to this bill have ever donated to the state parks but I know a lot of rich people did donate and in that way are subsidizing these fees, and for that reason, I think that maybe those who are so concerned about the poor, and the poor in my district, they don't even have a car to get to the parks, they don't have motorcycles to get to the parks, so I would urge the advancement of this bill and vote on it right now.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Labedz, would you like to close?

SENATOR LABEDZ: Just briefly to say if you want to walk through the park, there is no fee for walking through the park. You park your car outside the park and you can walk through the whole park. There is absolutely no fee for anybody that lives close to the park, that wants to walk through and see the trees and see the water and enjoy the park, absolutely no charge. This is a vehicle charge. Thank you very much.

SPEAKER NICHOL: So the question is, shall LB 199 be advanced. I assume you want a machine vote so all those in favor signify by voting aye, opposed nay. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 28 ayes, 3 nays, Mr. President, on the motion to advance the bill.

SPEAKER NICHOL: The bill is advanced. While the Legislature is in session and capable of transacting businesss, I propose to sign and do sign LBs 36, 37, 20, 30, 34, 81, 82, 83, 87, 104, 149, 195, 367, 401, and 413. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, very quickly, a new resolution, LR 32. (Read. See pages 659 and 660, Legislative Journal.) That will be laid over, Mr. President.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Tomorrow we will be on General File. Senator Hannibal, would you like to say something to us.